

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

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1. On 9 March 1952, two troop trains [redacted] were loaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station and dispatched to Altengrabow. They consisted of 19 boxcars with about 500 troops 2 kitchen cars, and 41 flatcars carrying 10 model 38 152-mm field howitzers, 4 model 42 76-mm field guns, 14 caterpillar tractors, 24 trucks, 2 sedans and 1 ambulance. (1)
2. On 10 March, a troop train of 10 boxcars with about 150 soldiers, 3 kitchen cars with ration supplies, and 23 flatcars carrying 4 sedans, 4 busses, 9 trucks with trailers and 6 other trucks was loaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station. The train was dispatched to Buttsstaedt [redacted] (2)

3. Shipments unloaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station between 6 and 13 March included: 25 gondola cars with briquettes from Senftenberg for Unit Nikoforov in Rathenow, hauled by trucks [redacted] between 6 and 12 March; 1 boxcar with ration supplies, and an unknown number of flatcars carrying 10 model 38 152-mm field howitzers, 4 model 42 76-mm field guns, 14 caterpillar tractors, 24 trucks, 2 sedans and 1 ambulance from Altengrabow, [redacted] in the Wald Kaserne I, Rathenow, during the night of 7 March; and 4 boxcars with 32 tons ammunition from Wulkow to Rathenow-Nord [redacted] on 12 March. [redacted] (3) 25X1

4. Between 21 February and 20 March, no Soviet troop trains went through the border stati of Schenke. 25X1

5. [redacted] Berlin railroad district the following cars had to be made available in Fallgow-Doeberitz at noon on 25 March: 10 winterized converted boxcars, and 2 SSK-type flatcars, 4 SS-type flatcars, 19 flatcars and 9 gondola cars, suitable for loading of vehicles. (4)

6. Between 10 and 23 March, no westbound troop trains went through the Cottbus railroad station.

7. Trains [redacted] of the Berlin railroad district on 23 March included:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Trains</u>	<u>Dispatching Station</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
23 March	shuttle-train of 49 empty flatcars	Zerbst	Neustrelitz
	11 boxcars and 27 flatcars with troops	Grunienburg	Forst Zinna
	10 boxcars and 33 flatcars with troops	Neuruppin	Forst Zinna
	5 boxcars and 29 flatcars with troops	Weimar	Altruppin
	10 empty boxcars and 33 empty flatcars to be dismantled	Forst Zinna	Berlin-Pankow
	11 boxcars, 41 flatcars and 1 gondola car with troops	Neuruppin	Forst Zinna
	10 boxcars and 40 flatcars with troops	Bleicherode	Huensdorf
	3 boxcars and 21 flatcars with troops	Weimar	Dallgow-Doeberitz
	6 boxcars and 46 flatcars with troops	Bleicherode	Huensdorf

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25X1 8. A flatcar carrying one tank and dispatched from [redacted] Frankfurt/Oder to [redacted] Eisborow was listed in the records of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 22 March. (8)

25X1 9. A shipment of four flatcars carrying four trucks, [redacted] escorted by soldiers with black epaulets, was observed at the Koenigsmuthhausen railroad station on 17 March. The shipment was assigned to [redacted] Annaburg, Torgau district. (9)

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25X1 (1) Comments. (25X1) The two trains mentioned in paragraph 1 and their dispatching and receiving stations were previously reported [redacted] when they were loaded in Rathenow. [redacted]

25X1 (2) Compare with the same observations [redacted] 25X1 (3) [redacted] an office of the 6th Arty Div. [redacted] an unidentified unit of the 6th Arty Div. in Rathenow, [redacted] [redacted] the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, also referred to as Wald Kaserne I. The troop train from Altengraben is reported for the first time.

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- 25X1 (4) The empty cars probably will for the entraining of a troop unit.  
25X1 (5) The troop train [redacted] mentioned in paragraph 6  
25X1 has probably been one of the two empty trains which were dispatched from  
Jueterbog to Crainienburg on 21 and 22 March 1952. [redacted]  
25X1 (6) [redacted] an artillery unit of the 12th Gds Tank Div was  
25X1 loaded in Neuruppin on 22 March 1952. [redacted]  
25X1 (7) These four troop trains probably carried units which returned from the  
25X1 command-post exercise in the area northwest of Naumburg and south of the  
Marz Mountains.  
25X1 (8) [redacted] the 8th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Mezc Div in  
25X1 Frankfurt/Oder until 22 March 1952.  
25X1 (9) [redacted] a branch depot of the main ordnance shop of the  
25X1 GOFG in Jessen which is located in Annaburg, Torgau district. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] the trucks probably came from Schwerin.

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